

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	49.3
Monthly flying-hour contract	56.5
Hours flown	+7.2
Monthly offset	
33rd Rescue Squadron	112.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	100.4
Hours flown	-11.6
Monthly offset	
909th Air Refueling Squadron	210.0
Monthly flying-hour contract	211.2
Hours flown	+1.2
Monthly offset	
44th Fighter Squadron	148.0
Monthly sortie contract	150.0
Sorties flown	+2
Monthly offset	
67th Fighter Squadron	154
Monthly sortie contract	158
Sorties flown	+4
Monthly offset	

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of May 13

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers  
E winds @ 7-10 knots  
High: 82 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy  
SE winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 82 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy  
SE winds @ 10-18 knots  
High: 82 Low: 72

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1-\$110 SELLING: \$116-\$1

# Hootie and the Blowfish concert Saturday

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The multi-platinum selling musical group Hootie and the Blowfish will team up with the New England Patriots Cheerleaders and Pacific Air Force Band Asia and Air Force Reserve Command Band during a free concert beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at Building 762, the Marine Liason Hangar #3.

Since the concert is inside a controlled area, officials say bus transportation will be available at the Olympic Mall, the bus stop across the street from the Schilling Community Center and the Rocker NCO Club beginning at 5 p.m. The buses will run after the concert until the crowds disperse.

There will also be an autograph signing session for Hootie and the Blowfish beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kadena base exchange.

Four members of the Patriots cheerleader squad will conduct a private workshop with members of Kadena's Youth Sports and Fitness Center beginning at 1:10 p.m. Saturday at the O'Conner Gym.

Kadena is the second stop for Operation Pacific Greetings, a joint project sponsored by Pacific Air Forces Headquarters and Air Force



Courtesy photo

Hootie and the Blowfish and the New England Patriots Cheerleaders will perform at Kadena's Marine Liason Hangar, Building 762, at 8 p.m. Saturday. Buses will pickup attendees at the Olympic Mall parking lot, the bus stop across from the Schilling Community Center and the Rocker NCO Club parking lot.

Reserve Command to thank troops stationed at five PACAF bases including: Kadena, Misawa Air Base, and Yokota AB, Japan; Kunsan AB, South Korea, and Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

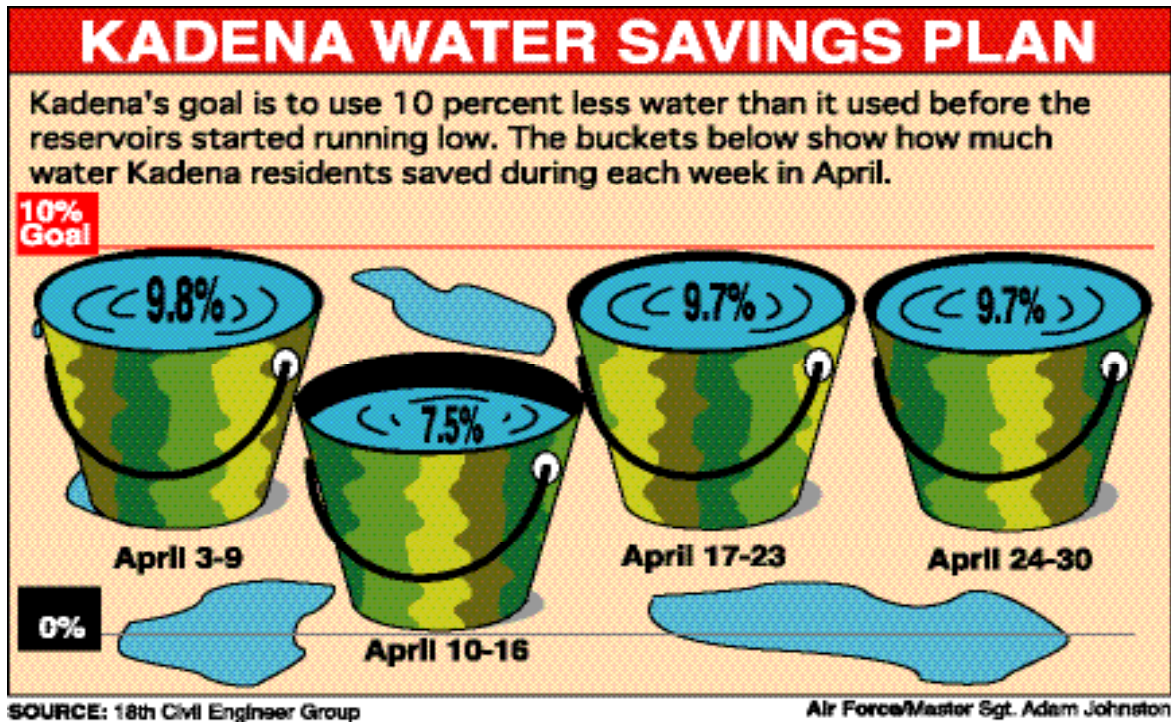
Hootie and the Blowfish will headline Operation Pacific Greetings with combined performances by the PACAF Band Asia and the AFRC Band to help thank troops for their dedication to defending our nation's freedom.

Hootie and the Blowfish is a world-famous, multi-million-selling band composed of artists Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker and Jim "Soni" Sonefeld.

The group's first album debuted in 1994 - called

"Cracked Rear View" - and was one of the most successful rock debuts of all time.

The group has also released six albums including the most recent, "Best of Hootie and the Blowfish" in March 2004.



## 390th IS nets 'best ever' UCI scores

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 390th Intelligence Squadron earned high marks during a recent Unit Compliance Inspection.

Air Combat Command officials validated more than 145 items with the unit and announced that the 390th IS was 98 percent compliant.

Col. John Diggins, ACC Inspector General, congratulated the unit saying: "We tore your unit apart and you can be very proud with what we've found," he said. "We found a unit with high morale, a strong sense of mission accomplishment and job satisfaction, a good quality of life and excellent command climate."

The 390th also netted an Air Force best practice for a program that limited the manpower needed to track aircrew flying and ground training.

The inspectors named 15 superior performers and highlighted three teams for outstanding performance during the inspection last month.





# Enforce equal employment opportunity... its the law

By Charles James  
Kadena Equal Employment  
Opportunity manager

Most of Americans take their rights and freedoms for granted until someone attempts to take them away.

In the Equal Employment Opportunity arena, the laws and regulations are based on principles set forth in the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

All Americans are entitled to an equal chance to enjoy benefits of democracy and the protection of its laws, the inherent right to fair treatment, equal employment opportunities and a workplace free of harassment (sexual and none-sexual) and un-lawful discrimination.

To exercise these rights federal employees must know and understand how to access them.

Programs are administered under Federal Register 29 CFR Part 1614, EEO Commission Management Document (MD110), and AFI 36-1201.

Presently the number of complaints have come down, however, sexual harassment

and discrimination continues to be a problem in too many workplaces.

Often these problems take the form of work place harassment.

## What is work place harassment?

Any behavior that is continually abusive, demeaning, humiliating or embarrassing and is a behavior any reasonable person knows or ought to know would be unwelcome and offensive and which creates a hostile and intimidating work environment for the employee.

Federal employees having fun in the work place is no problem as long as it does not include the above characteristics. To prevent harassment and discrimination problems, federal employees must insist on treating each other as professionals.

When someone steps out of line, inform the person in a professional manner. If the confrontation doesn't work, take the problem as far up the chain as necessary. If the chain is the problem, exercise the right to go around it.

## Things that cause discrimination and harassment

1. Perpetuating the good old boy/girl network that looks the other way when one of its members treats select employees with no respect or dignity because they don't like them.
2. Giving known problem managers, supervisors and employees excellent performance appraisals and awards.
3. Tolerating caustic and harassing behavior under the guise of personality conflicts.
4. Not taking corrective behavior-changing action when necessary.
5. Not understanding that all employees should be treated as an organization's best customer.

Any organization or person within an organization that hinders an employee's rights to seek assistance outside of its internal chain can be part of the problem.

Federal employees who are well informed and know their rights must not tolerate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and reprisal.

Even if the behavior is not happening to them and they witness it in the work center, they have a responsibility to address it.

In addition, no federal regulation or law says you have to

like each other. Under law only behavior is controllable not emotions or feelings.

Therefore, we must treat each other as professionals with respect and dignity.

## Do we have a problem at Kadena?

For the most part, Kadena is one of the best places to work. We have great people, great support, and great challenges but it is not perfect. Any amount of inappropriate harassment and un-lawful discrimination lowers moral hinders productivity and increases

stress. If these negative conditions are in your work center, you should do something about it.

Start with looking at yourself first. Most people look outside themselves for things to correct. It is suggested to be honest with what you see. Ideally what should be seen is an honest, full of integrity professional, working hard to support Air Force core values and fostering good human relations.

If this is not what you see, you may be looking at part of the problem. Fostering good human relations is everybody's business, there are no gray areas.

You are either doing it, or you are not. If there is a problem, do not sweep it under the rug. Actively work to correctly resolve it. Doing these things can prevent complaints.

The 18th Wing commander has a zero tolerance policy on any form of unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment.

This policy letter should be on unit bulletin boards along with an EEO poster instructing how to contact a counselor. If you need assistance, or have any questions, call 634-4146.

## ACTION LINES

E-mail:

18wlg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil



Brig. Gen.  
Jeffrey Remington  
18th Wing  
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## The golf course grass is always greener...

I witnessed the golf course lawn being watered recently, but I can't take my car to the AAFES car wash and have my car washed during the week. Knowing the size of the golf course, I would imagine that it takes a lot of water to cover all of its areas. Is the golf course watered once a month going in line with the washing of government vehicles?

### PHONE NUMBERS

AAFES Action Line.....645-4301  
Base Exchange.....633-4570  
Clubs.....634-3002  
Commissary.....634-3640  
Finance.....634-1996  
Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline.....634-0404

We appreciate your concern and welcome the opportunity to let everyone know that the Banyan Tree Golf Course irrigation system is not connected to the base or Okinawa water systems.

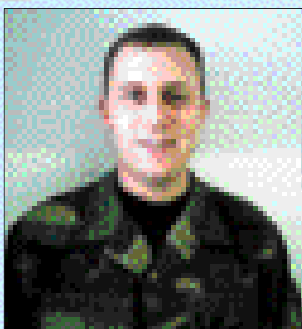
Water for the golf course irrigation system is pumped from a non-potable water well into a holding tank. The irrigation system is fed from the holding tank. Therefore, the watering of the golf course does not impact water levels or violate water conservation policies.

Thanks again and please spread the word about the non-potable water being used to water the Banyan Tree Golf Course.

Home Telephone Helpline.....634-4080  
Housing Maintenance.....634-HOME  
Kadena Services.....634-1719  
Medical and Dental.....630-4785  
Safety.....634-SAFE  
Security Forces.....634-1397



## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



### Staff Sgt. Nathan Stanfield

18th Security Forces Squadron, military customs and immigration inspector  
Hometown: Marshall, Texas

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Stanfield is the primary trainer for newly assigned personnel to the military customs section. He also helps the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron process more than 750 people who arrive on the Patriot Express mission each week.

Time at Kadena: 4 years

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



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**LEMAYCOMPETITION:** The Air Force LeMay team will evaluate 18th Services Squadron facilities from today until Wednesday. The team will evaluate the unit's customer service, facility standards and base-wide activities.

**COURTS MARTIAL:** An airman from the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron was convicted May 7 after pleading guilty to underage drinking and drunk driving. The airman drove with a blood alcohol content of .083 percent and was involved in an off-base accident that resulted in serious injuries to his passenger. He was demoted to airman basic and given four months confinement.

• A staff sergeant from the 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron was convicted May 6 after pleading guilty of unlawfully exposing himself in public on two occasions at Kadena. He was demoted to airman basic and five months confinement.

**CCAFGRADUATION:** This year's Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony will be held at the Rocker NCO Club at 1 p.m. today. For more information, call 634-1500.

**SCHOOLPLAY:** There will be a presentation of "Moe's Town" at Amelia Earhart Intermediate School at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 27. For more information, call 634-1329.

**ROAD TAX:** Kadena residents can pay

## Okinawan Perspective: Week in Review

By 2nd Lt. Chrystal Smith  
18th Wing Public Affairs

*The following is a synopsis of articles about Kadena and the U.S. military that appeared in Okinawa Times and the Ryukyu Shimpō the past week.*

□ On May 1, The Okinawa Prefectural Government issued a warning to the prefecture and tourists about the Habu, a venomous snake. As it becomes warmer, Habu become active. OPG officials encourage caution especially when entering wild/farming fields, mountains, hills, bushes and going out after dark.

□ The water reservoir was reported at 50.1% of a total 74,850,000 gallons as of May 11. The Okinawa Meteorological Observatory announced the rainy season has started and is expected to end the last week of June.

□ Two members from the House of Representatives as well as members from Association to Revise Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement in the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan visited the U.S. Departments of the State and Defense to submit a proposal to revise the SOFA. Other SOFA issues were environmental concerns and who receives custody of criminals when SOFA is violated.

□ A local store owner reported that a male foreigner broke into her store "Wisteria" and attempted to rob her.

□ Several articles were published reporting that aircraft from Alaska and Korea landed on Kadena.

□ A telephone survey was conducted that found 68 percent of the respondents in Okinawa desire a "phase-in reduction of U.S. military bases in Okinawa."

their 2004 Japanese Road Tax at the Keystone Theater from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All taxes must be paid in yen. Vehicles without a 2004 sticker will be cited and restricted after June 1.

**OFFICECLOSURE:** The Kadena telephone customer service and communication cable digging permit offices will close at 11:30

a.m. Wednesday for an official function. Call 634-1005 for more information.

### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENTS:

- There will be an ethnic fashion show and luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 22 at the Rocker NCO Club. Cost is \$10 to attend.
- There will be a cultural show and din-

ner from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club May 29. For more information, call 634-1247 or 634-3206.

**INTERPRETERS NEEDED:** Japanese-English interpreters are need for the 2004 Special Olympic Games held at the Risner complex June 12. To volunteer, call 634-3911 or 630-9188.

**JUNIOR ENLISTED APPRECIATION DAY:** The Kadena Top 3 will sponsor a junior enlisted appreciation function at noon May 28 at Marek Park. For more information, call 634-2794.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BRIEFING:** There will be defense equal opportunity management institute training May 17-21 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 634-4146.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND:** Lt. Col. Laura Koch will assume command of the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron from Lt. Col. Cleophas Hockaday at 8:20 a.m. May 25 at the AWACS hangar.

**SUICIDEAWARENESSBRIEFING:** There will be suicide awareness briefings at the Keystone Theater at 8 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 26 and June 25. Airmen are required to attend this briefing annually.

**HONORGUARDINFORMATION:** Airman interested in volunteering for the Kadena honor guard can e-mail kadena.honorguard@kadena.af.mil for more information.





Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Tech. Sgt. Juanita Brooks recently completed her three-year assignment as the dormitory manager for Building 629. Civil Engineer officials are looking for motivated individuals to fill a growing number of vacancies for dormitory manager positions.

# DORM MANAGERS WANTED

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

*WANTED: Motivated senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants interested in applying for a two or three-year career broadening opportunity.*

According to Chief Master Sgt. John Albaugh, 718th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent, there will be several dormitory manager positions open this summer and his unit is looking for motivated individuals to volunteer for the job.

"If we don't get enough volunteers during this advertisement, we'll have to resort to the non-volunteer selection process," explained Chief Albaugh.

Chief Albaugh said the lack of qualified applicants may be a result of the negative stigma that once surrounded the job position.

"Those days are long gone" he said. "Today's dorm managers are held to the highest standards and only the top candidates are selected. In today's Air Force, we need leaders with diverse backgrounds and experience. Dorm management is a great opportunity to broaden

## Requirements

- ❑ Senior Airmen with at least one year time-in-grade, staff sergeants, and technical sergeants with less than one year time-in-grade.
- ❑ Strong record
- ❑ Commander's endorsement
- ❑ Not assigned under an undermanned/stress career field
- ❑ Not given a duty assignment or be within 9 months of DEROS
- ❑ Not have more than one year of selective reenlistment bonus entitlements remaining on current enlistment
- ❑ No more than four years time on station
- ❑ Have strong leadership and management skills

one's career and enhance their promotion potential."

Dorm managers only take the Promotion Fitness Examination for promotion.

The rates for last year's promotions were: 57 percent for staff sergeants, 33 percent for technical sergeants and 37 percent for master sergeants.

Tech. Sgt. Juanita Brooks was one dormitory manager to benefit from this statistic.

Sergeant Brooks was promoted to technical sergeant while serving three years as a dormi-

tory manager here at Kadena.

"It really takes a lot of stress out of testing knowing that you only have to study one book instead of volumes of technical manuals," she said. "You can focus 100 percent on the promotion fitness examination."

The 8-year avionics maintenance veteran said there are a few other "perks" to becoming a dormitory manager - including a plush personal office, great work environment and opportunities to mentor dormitory residents.

According to Chief Albaugh, dormitory managers also get a break from the Air Expeditionary Force cycles because they are currently not deployable.

Dormitory managers are occasionally sent to career enhancing course such as housing management and interior decorating.

For more information on the dormitory manager career field (9D000), call Kadena's chief of unaccompanied housing at 634-1371, or visit <http://www.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/TOPIC%20Dorm%20Manager.htm>.

## Officials issue 27 Article 15s in April

- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman, a \$1,336 fine, restriction to Kadena for 30 days, and a reprimand for reporting late for work and for leaving his assigned escort during outprocessing.
- ❑ A staff sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to senior airman, a suspended fine of \$1,000, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for signing a false sworn statement in a failed effort to help a friend avoid a drunk driving charge.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman, a \$1,336 fine, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for driving while drunk with a blood alcohol content of .102% and thereafter lying about his actions.
- ❑ A staff sergeant from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was demoted to senior airman for getting into a physical altercation with his wife.
- ❑ A senior airman from the 18th Civil Engineer Group received a demotion to airman first class, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for driving while drunk (blood alcohol content .097%).
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, restriction to Kadena for 30 days, and a reprimand for refusing to obey an officer and several NCOs performing courtesy patrol on Gate 2 Street.
- ❑ A staff sergeant from the 18th Communications Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for hitting his wife.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Communications Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a \$668 fine, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for skipping unit PT and reporting late for work twice in the same week.
- ❑ A senior airman from the 18th Communications Squadron received a suspended demotion to Airman First Class, restriction to Kadena for 45 days, and a reprimand for violating a no-contact order issued by his commander.
- ❑ A technical sergeant from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to staff sergeant and a \$750 fine for stealing a \$249 digital camera memory card from the Camp Foster main exchange.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman, a suspended \$1,000 fine, and 15 days extra duty for leaving work and missing medical appointments on more than one occasion.
- ❑ An airman from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a suspended \$596 fine, and a reprimand for driving while drunk with a blood alcohol content of .09%.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron received a \$250 fine and a reprimand for disrespect to a NCO.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Munitions Squadron received a demotion to airman, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for punching a NCO in the face.
- ❑ An airman from the 18th Operations Support Squadron received a demotion to airman basic and 30 days extra duty for leaving his place of duty without permission.
- ❑ An airman from the 18th Operations Support Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a suspended \$500 fine, and a reprimand for possessing multiple pellet guns and knives in his dorm room.
- ❑ An airman from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman basic, a \$600 fine, restriction to Kadena for 30 days, and 30 days extra duty for getting into a fight at the Globe and Anchor Club.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 18th Security Forces Squadron was demoted to airman for failing to obey a direct order to contact his supervisor and for not possessing current insurance on his vehicle.
- ❑ A staff sergeant from the 18th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for reporting late for duty.
- ❑ An airman first class from an 18th Wing Staff Agency received a demotion to airman, a suspended fine of \$300, restriction to Kadena for 30 days, and a reprimand for reporting late for work and for lying about where she had been.
- ❑ A technical sergeant from the 353d Operations Support Squadron received a suspended demotion to staff sergeant, restriction to Kadena for 60 days, and a reprimand for misusing his government travel card on 12 separate occasions.
- ❑ A senior airman from the 390th Intelligence Squadron received a \$1,726 fine, restriction to Kadena for 30 days, and a reprimand for being drunk and disorderly by pulling the fire alarms at the dormitory and trying to escape from security forces.
- ❑ A staff sergeant from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended demotion to senior airman, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand for failing to follow tech data while performing maintenance.
- ❑ An airman from the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a demotion to airman basic, a suspended fine of \$400, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand for driving while drunk with a blood alcohol content of .071% and for being drunk on duty as a security forces augmentee.
- ❑ A senior airman from the 733d Air Mobility Squadron received a suspended demotion to airman first class, 10 days extra duty, and a reprimand for taking a day off without proper authority.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron received a fine of \$300 and a reprimand for disrespect towards a captain and a staff sergeant.
- ❑ An airman first class from the 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron received a demotion to airman for destruction of government property by purposely ripping his green vinyl chemical warfare overboots.

## Roles and responsibilities

Some of the roles and responsibilities of a dormitory manager include:

- ❑ Manage dormitories worth approximately \$14 million
- ❑ Supervise upkeep of dormitories and surrounding grounds
- ❑ Conduct health, welfare, fire and safety inspections
- ❑ Supervise bay orderlies in maintaining common areas, day rooms and outside areas
- ❑ Schedule required facility maintenance and repairs
- ❑ Assign rooms and prepare occupancy reports



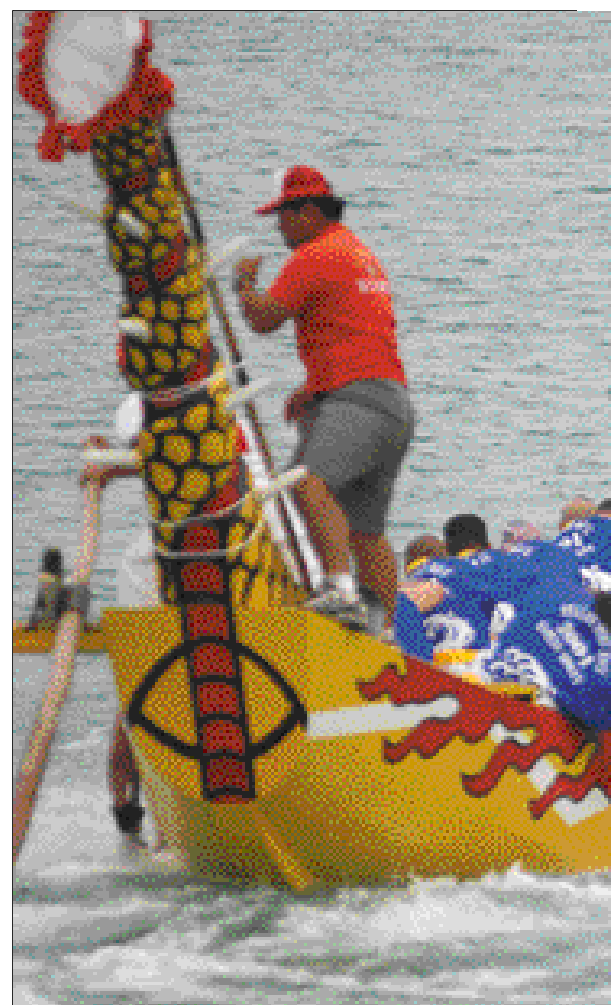


The Kadena women's team race against the Sports Club Knack and Matsushima Junior High School teams during the 30th Annual Naha Dragon Boat Race May 5. women's team coach, Ursula Young said her team did a lot better than last year trimming off a few seconds time at 6 minutes, 10 seconds.



Air Force/Chiaki Iramina

Members of the Kadena men's team row toward the finish line. The team finished third in its heat against the U.S. Navy and the Ocean Dragons. The Air Force men's team had the second fastest time among its three sister services at 5:07. The Navy had 5:06; the Marine Corps had 5:18 and the Army had 5:44. The Air Force women's team finished third overall against its sister services with a 6:10 race time. The Army had 5:37; Navy 5:53 and Marine Corps had 6:37.





Air Force/Chiaki Iramina

Women's team took second place in the heat, but brought home a trophy because the Matsushima Junior High School team was a last minute fill-in for the race. The

## Kadena takes part in 30th Annual Naha Dragon Boat race



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Maritza Freeland



Air Force/Chiaki Iramina

### CLOCKWISEFROMABOVE

**RALLY:** Coaches Ursela Young (left) and Carl Wilson (center) rally the Kadena women's team before heading out to the dragon boat.

**SING:** Okinawan children sang and danced for spectators passing through the festival area.

**DANCE:** Traditional dancers also performed during the three-day holiday festival that attracted more than 220,000 spectators.

**SPLASH:** The Kadena men's team starts off with an early lead using a 20 stroke startoff technique. In the end, the team managed to trim off more than 30 seconds from last year's race.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Maritza Freeland



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake



# Air Force begins Raptor operational tests

by 2nd Lt. Brooke Davis  
Air Force Flight Test Center  
Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Operational testing on the F/A-22 Raptor began April 29 when the first two-ship sortie was flown and tested by members of the F/A-22 Combined Test Force.

After the operational testing is complete, a report will provide senior leaders with the information needed to approve the Raptor for full-rate production.

"Transitioning to the initial operational test and evaluation of the F/A-22 is a much anticipated and extremely important event for the Department of Defense," said Maj. Gen. Wilbert D. "Doug" Pearson Jr., Air Force Flight Test Center commander. "The Raptor is an excellent example of the Air Force acquisition system working to provide the most capable combat equipment to America's Airmen fighting the global war on terrorism."

Air Combat Command officials defined an operational need for a trans-



Air Force/Derk Blanset

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Tech. Sgt. Glenn Leshner performs pre-flight launch checks on F/A-22 Raptor 11.

formational fighter/attack weapon system, and the secretary of the Air Force and officials from Air Force Materiel Command provided a team to develop and produce the advanced weapon sys-

tem, General Pearson said.

Now that the design has been sufficiently refined, officials are ready to evaluate the weapon system's operation in a realistic environment, similar to

threats the aircraft is expected to encounter in the years ahead, General Pearson said.

During developmental testing, the CTF tested air-to-air weapons including the AIM-120 AMRAAM, the AIM-9 Sidewinder missile and a 20-millimeter cannon, General Pearson said.

Pilots from the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center's Detachment 6 will be flying four F/A-22 aircraft, as well as using trained pilots and maintainers from Air Combat Command. Maintainers from the 31st Test and Evaluation Squadron are supporting the operational testing by maintaining these Raptors.

Air Force bases nationwide are gearing up for the phase following the initial operational test and evaluation.

The Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., is training pilots to fly the Raptor, and the pilots will eventually undertake developing tactics designed to take maximum advantage of the aircraft's unique capabilities.

ACC will receive the first operationally ready Raptors at Langley AFB, Va., in late 2004.

## Online system reduces trips to education office

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Four features now available under the Air Force's virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

The Air Force Virtual Education Center is a Web-based system available to the total force that allows Airmen to do many of the things online that once required a trip to a base education office.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the system, including rank, duty phone, and e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

New features allow users to view a complete history of their enrollment in courses taken using tuition assistance.

Users will also be able to access a list of notifications concerning missing grades and payment suspenses, and they can check Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support and College-Level Examination Program test results.

The virtual center came online in early 2003 and was designed to streamline the process of participating in off-duty education, said Jim Sweizer, Air Force chief of voluntary education.

"The system is taking all the things we used to do in the old days on paper and trying to move them into the virtual world," he said. "This is part of a customer service



Air Force/1st Lt. Jason McCree

From a military computer, Airmen can sign up for a Virtual Education Center account at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>.

transformation."

The center's development is in line with similar developments in the civilian world. Being able to make payments online or to conduct business without leaving your home is something Airmen are familiar with and demand, Mr. Sweizer said.

One of the most apparent benefits to customer service is the center's tight integration with the Community College of the Air Force, Mr. Sweizer said.

"Airmen can view their CCAF academic progress reports on the system," he said. "That process used to take six to eight weeks when done with a paper request ... Today, (students) can go on the (virtual center) and immediately see what they need to complete their coursework."

The center also makes it easier for Airmen to have their CCAF transcripts sent to other universities. Mr. Sweizer said the CCAF sends out as many as 65,000 transcripts a year to various schools.

Sending out a transcript from CCAF to another school could have taken as many as six weeks when it was done entirely through paper mail and handwritten forms.

With the virtual center, he said, the Air Force has reduced that process time to 24 hours.

While the virtual center does not currently allow Airmen to apply for tuition assistance online, officials said it soon will.

In fact, application for tuition assistance will be a focal point on the site.

## Active-duty Airmen will test for HIV every two years

by G.W. Pomeroy  
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years. This is a Defense Department policy change geared toward standardizing testing across the services, officials said.

The policy, recommended by members of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, will also require Reserve and Guard Airmen called to active duty for 30 or more days to have a current HIV test within two years of the date called.

Since the Defense Department began testing in the mid-1980s, each military service has had its own HIV-testing program. Testing intervals varied by service — from one to five years — and procedures were inconsistent, board officials said.

The two-year interval provides the best protection from the hazards associated with military service for HIV-infected servicemembers, board officials said.

HIV testing identifies servicemembers who are infected as early as possible so military health-care providers can treat them to reduce transmission. The screenings also preclude deployment overseas and other risks that may be associated with military service for those who are infected.

Within the Air Force, screenings preferably will occur during an Airman's preventive health assessments, said Maj. (Dr.) Mylene Huynh, a preventive medicine officer at Air Force Medical Service headquarters here.

Routine interval testing does not preclude HIV screening for reasons such as testing before drug or alcohol treatment, incarceration, occupational exposure clinical indications or at an Airman's requests, Dr. Huynh said.

She also said that HIV testing will remain available for all servicemembers upon request without inquiring as to the reason for the test.

Under the policy, active-duty Airmen are no longer required to undergo an HIV test before moving overseas or within 12 months of a consecutive overseas tour, Dr. Huynh said.

In 2003, there were 43 HIV-positive cases identified among 335,000 tests on Airmen, said officials at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City-Base, Texas. This included 26 among 259,000 active-duty, 10 of 35,000 Reserve and 7 of 41,000 Guard Airmen tested.



**TODAY**

- ▲ **TRANSITION SEMINAR** (4 of 4 sessions): Four-day class meets from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE**: Comedy showcase featuring Scott Kennedy and Eric Passoja begins at 8 p.m. at the Banyan Tree Club.
- ▲ **JAPANESE FINE ARTS & CRAFTS**: Shop from an assortment of gold leaf, bamboo dolls, ironware and other unique gifts today or Saturday at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **JAPANESE ANTIQUES**: Shop for Japanese dolls, Hina dolls, sake sets, carvings, obis and hangers and other antiques from Okinawa and mainland Japan at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **FINEFASHION JEWELRY**: Shop from a selection of vintage pendants on leather and organza in addition to children's jewelry, freshwater pearls, necklaces and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **MARTIALARTS CHALLENGE**: Amelia Earhart Intermediate School will host a World Tae Kwon Do Federation Olympic Style tournament beginning at 9 a.m. The event is open to all ages and belt ranks. Register at the Kadena Youth Center prior to May 22. Cost is \$20 to compete if registered early, otherwise cost is \$25 the day of the event. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **BATHHOUSE TOUR**: Showtime is 6:30 p.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**SATURDAY**

- ▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE & LADIES NIGHT**: Comedy showcase featuring Scott Kennedy and Eric Passoja begins at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Ladies Night starts after the comedy showcase. A Miss Super Ladies Night will be crowned and extra prize tickets will be handed out to members celebrating their birthday this month.
- ▲ **SCUBA REVIEW**: There will be a refresher class for divers who haven't dived recently at the Kadena Marina. Call 634-6344 for details.
- ▲ **TABLE TOP WARRIORS**: Begins at 10 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **CARDAND COMIC SHOW**: Begins at 10 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **SHURICASTLE & SHIKINAENTOUR**: Showtime is 9 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$26 for adults, \$15 for children ages seven to 15, \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**SUNDAY**

- ▲ **FAMILY DAY**: Family Day at Emery Lanes begins at 8 a.m. Games are \$1 per person per family.
- ▲ **RENT-A-LANE**: Five bowlers can rent a lane for \$15 and bowl from 8 to 11 a.m.
- ▲ **POWER BOAT SAFETY COURSE**: Kadena Marina holds boating classes every Sunday at 9 a.m. Call 634-6344 for details.
- ▲ **TUNNELRATS TOUR**: Showtime is 9 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**MONDAY**

- ▲ **MONEY MANAGEMENT**: Class meets from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **BASICJAPANESE** (1 of 12 sessions): Class meets from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **ESLTERM IV**: Terms begins from May 17 to July 16 at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **KADENA LIBRARY REOPENS**: The library will reopen at its original location at 11 a.m. Call 634-1502 for details.
- ▲ **FAMILY DAY**: Family Day at Emery Lanes begins at 6 p.m. Games are \$1 per person, per family.
- ▲ **GROUPTENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.
- ▲ **CRAFTY CREATIONS**: Shop for home-

**Men Who cook raises \$4,500**



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola  
**Ron Horton serves his culinary specialty to Tammie Sprague during the annual Men Who Cook fundraiser for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority May 1. The fundraiser gathered more than 60 chefs and 350 guests to raise \$4,500 for scholarships.**

made primitive wooden crafts, Americana, doll benches, quilt racks and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**TUESDAY**

- ▲ **CREATIVE CRAFTS CLASS**: Class meets from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **SPONSORSHIP TRAINING**: Class meets from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE**: Comedy showcase featuring Scott Kennedy and Eric Passoja begins at 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

**WEDNESDAY**

- ▲ **ACCOMPANIED NEWCOMERS TOUR**: Class meets from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **MEMBERSHIP NIGHT**: Membership night begins at 5 p.m. inside the Banyan Tree Club ballroom. Call 634-0644 for more information.
- ▲ **COMEDY SHOWCASE**: Comedy showcase featuring Scott Kennedy and Eric Passoja begins at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.
- ▲ **SEAFOOD BUFFET**: The Kadena Officers' Club will hold an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$17.95 for members and \$19.95 for non-members.
- ▲ **TEA CEREMONY**: Showtime is 6 p.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$23 per person. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**THURSDAY**

- ▲ **WELCOME WALK**: Class meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **GETTING STARTED WITH STOCKS**: Class meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **GROUPTENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.
- ▲ **FINE FASHION JEWELRY**: Shop from a selection of vintage pendants on leather and organza in addition to children's jewelry, freshwater pearls, necklaces and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**MAY 21**

- ▲ **CITIZENSHIP CLASS**: Class meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS**: Class meets from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **DANCEHALLREGGAE PARTY**: There will be a reggae party at the Banyan Tree Club beginning at 10 p.m.
- ▲ **GROUP TENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.
- ▲ **FINEFASHION JEWELRY**: Shop from a selection of vintage pendants on leather and organza in addition to children's jewelry, freshwater pearls, necklaces and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **URASHIMA DINNER THEATER**: Showtime is 5:30 p.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$60 for adults, \$39 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**MAY 22**

- ▲ **DEPLOYED SPOUSES DINNER**: Meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapel One. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **COLORAMA**: Signups begin at 6 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m.
- ▲ **TABLE TOP WARRIORS**: Begins at 10 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR**: Showtime is 9 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.
- ▲ **YUI MONORAIL & KOKUSAI STREET TOUR**: Showtime is 9 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages six to 12, \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**MAY 23**

- ▲ **POWER BOAT SAFETY COURSE**: Kadena Marina holds boating classes every Sunday at 9 a.m. Call 634-6344 for details.
- ▲ **FAMILY DAY**: Family Day at Emery Lanes begins at 8 a.m. Games are \$1 per person per family.

- ▲ **RENT-A-LANE**: Five bowlers can rent a lane for \$15 and bowl from 8 to 11 a.m.
- ▲ **BATTLEOF OKINAWA TOUR**: Showtime is 9 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$28 for adults, \$19 for children ages six to 12, \$11 for children ages four to five and \$5 for children under four. Call 634-4322 for more information.
- ▲ **BLUE INDIGO AND BASHOFU WEAVINGSTUDIO TOUR**: Showtime is 10 a.m. at Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$30 for children ages six to 12 and \$5 for children under six. Call 634-4322 for more information.

**MAY 24**

- ▲ **KID'SMEMBERSHIP NIGHT**: Begins at the Officers' Club at 5 p.m. Call 634-FOOD for more information.
- ▲ **FAMILY DAY**: Family Day at Emery Lanes begins at 6 p.m. Games are \$1 per person per family.
- ▲ **GROUP TENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.

**MAY 25**

- ▲ **BUNDLES FOR BABIES**: Class meets from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **SECRETSTOFINANCIALSUCCESS**: Class meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **75 CENT DAY**: Enjoy selected food and games of bowling for just 75 cent each.

**MAY 26**

- ▲ **WASHI**: Class meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.

**MAY 27**

- ▲ **IKEBANA**: Class meets from 1 to 1:40 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **GROUP TENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.
- ▲ **FINEFASHION JEWELRY**: Shop from a selection of vintage pendants on leather and organza in addition to children's jewelry, freshwater pearls, necklaces and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.
- ▲ **TEENJOB FAIR**: Representatives from various base agencies will talk with teens looking for work from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Teen Millenium Center. Call 634-3866 for more information.

**MAY 28**

- ▲ **VA SEMINAR**: Class meets from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **CHECKBOOK MANAGEMENT**: Class meets from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 634-3366 to register.
- ▲ **GROUP TENNIS LESSONS**: Classes run every hour between 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. at the Kadena Tennis Center. Call 634-3157 to register.
- ▲ **FINEFASHION JEWELRY**: Shop from a selection of vintage pendants on leather and organza in addition to children's jewelry, freshwater pearls, necklaces and more at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

**MAY 29**

- ▲ **OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN**: Skoshi Bowl will host an overnight lock-in for children ages six to 12 beginning at 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per child.

C H A P E L											
Catholic											
▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.											
▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.											
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.											
▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.											
Mass, Chapel 3, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.											
Protestant											
▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.											
▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.											
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.											
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.											
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.											
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.											
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.											
▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.											
▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486											
▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027											
▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219											

**M O V I E S**

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

- Keystone Theater**
- ▲ Tonight: Secret Window, PG-13, 6 p.m. Walking Tall, PG-13, 9 p.m.
  - ▲ Saturday: Secret Window, PG-13, noon. Dirty Dancing, PG-13, 4 p.m. Walking Tall, PG-13, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Sunday: Walking Tall, PG-13, noon. Secret Window, PG-13, 4 p.m. Walking Tall, PG-13, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Monday: Dirty Dancing, PG-13, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Tuesday: Secret Window, PG-13, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Wednesday: Dirty Dancing, PG-13, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Thursday: Man on Fire, R, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ May 21: Never Die Alone, R, 6 p.m. Man on Fire, R, 9 p.m.

- Foster Theater**
- ▲ Tonight: Man on Fire, R, 7 & 10 p.m.
  - ▲ Saturday: Home on the Range, PG, 1 p.m. Dirty Dancing, PG, 4 p.m. Man on Fire, R, 7 p.m. Man on Fire, R, 10 p.m.
  - ▲ Sunday: Home on the Range, PG, 1 p.m. Secret Window, PG-13, 4 p.m. Man on Fire, R, 7 p.m. Man on Fire, R, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Monday: Man on Fire, R, 7 p.m.
  - ▲ Tuesday: Dirty Dancing, PG-13, 7 p.m.





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## Sports for Special Olympics



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**RUN:** Anthony Ven Tresca trails the 18th Security Forces Squadron escort vehicle during the Special Olympics 5k Fun Run fundraiser on Kadena May 1. More than 300 people participated in the annual event.

**GOLF:** Scott Maskey, 5th Air Force executive officer, and Brad Baker, 18th Mission Support Group commander, practice their driving skills during the Special Olympics Golf Tournament fundraiser May 3.

## Kadena duo participate in Miyako Island Triathlon

By 2nd Lt. Chrystal Smith  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Two Kadena master sergeants crossed culture barriers and competed among 1,500 international athletes in Japan's oldest triathlon April 25, 2004.

Derek McLeland, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, and Scott Maunu, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, competed in the 20th Miyakojima Strongman All-Japan Triathlon and participated in the cultural exchange program as athletes,

in essence, representing the United States.

The competition, which is just a few kilometers shy of an iron man, consisted of a 155-km bike ride, three-km swim and 42.195-km run – or a full marathon.

The Kadena Airmen also took part in the cultural exchange program with athletes from Korea, Venezuela and Japan.

They visited Miyako Technical High School where they and the students exchanged things about themselves and their unique cultures.

The next day out on the course, the students showed their support of the athletes with cheers of encouragement and signs that displayed the different athletes names.

For 37-year-old McLeland, the Strongman was significant in several ways. Competing in the triathlon and completing the course allowed him to check off several of his lifetime goals. Even his finish of 12:21:06 was better than his personal goal of 13 hours.

"The finish line was my motivation," said McLeland, who is diabetic. "I was in awe at the thought of even being in the race. Just to say I was in the Strongman gives me a great feeling."

This year's Strongman was the fourth appearance for 38-year-old Maunu who was inspired to compete after watching his 80-year-old father-in-law finish the Okinawa marathon.

Maunu's bike, wetsuit and running shoes have logged hundreds of kilometers on Miyakojima alone. This time out, he improved on his time of last year's race by finishing in 11:14:48.

"I would definitely encourage others to try something like the Strongman," said Maunu. "The feeling you get from finishing is overwhelming."



Courtesy photo

Scott Maunu, 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron, holds the hands of his loved ones as he crosses the finish line at the Miyakojima Strongman All-Japan Triathlon April 25.



Courtesy photo

Derek McLeland, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron, checks his time during the three-km swim portion of the Miyakojima Strongman All-Japan Triathlon April 25.

McLeland will be heading to Hawaii to compete an Air Mobility Command sponsored Physical Fitness Test challenge.

Maunu will coach and train his son to prepare him for junior triathlons around the island. He wants to eventually compete in the Waido

(Go-for-it) Miyako 100-km Ultra Marathon.

Miyakojima is located, about half way between Okinawa and Taiwan. It is apart of the Miyako Islands, a cluster of small islands at the southern end of the Ryukyu chain and is closer to Taiwan than Tokyo.